



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

INVENTOR APPLICATION OF: RITZDORF ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.: 08/940,686

FILED: September 30, 1997

FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR PLATING SYSTEM
WORKPIECE SUPPORT HAVING WORKPIECE-
ENGAGING ELECTRODE WITH PRE-
CONDITIONED CONTACT FACE

EXAMINER: W. T. LEADER

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF No: 5188

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 25, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, and 17. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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